Loans to Fishermen in North Kanara District.

Q.—113. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there has been a fish famine on the coast of the North Kanara District and whether some loans were granted to fishermen at the beginning of this year ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a large section of the fishermen from the villages of Kodar, Arge and Chendye have been denied the loans and as such they had represented to Government for loans ;

(*c*) the decision that has been taken on their representation by Government ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAHI (Minister for Forest and Fisheries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The loans are denied only to the non-members of the Fisheries Societies, whose main profession is not fishing. The Hon'ble Member Sri B. P. Kadam has sent some applications to Government for consideration.

(*c*) The representations were enquired into and it has been found that almost all the petitioners are either agriculturists or labourers. Some of them own some paddy fields and coconut gardens and they do fishing only as a part-time occupation. Loans are sanctioned to the needy fishermen, whose main profession is fishing. Hence these applications have not been considered yet.

Reservation of Land to Ex-Servicemen in Devkarkaiga Village of Karwar Taluk.

Q.—115. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is fact that about 270 acres of land in Devkarkaiga village of Karwar taluk was proposed to be reserved for ex-servicemen in the year 1952 ;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that the land is cultivated on "Hangami basis" for the last many years ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the scheme for ex-servicemen has been proposed to be dropped by the District authorities and the same has been recommended to Government for final orders ;

(*d*) if so, the final decision they have taken in the matter ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes. An extent of 240 acres was reserved for ex-servicemen.

(*b*) Some of these lands are cultivated on Eksali basis since 1952-53.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is still under consideration.

Construction of a Bridge across Kali River near Kodibag in Karwar Taluk.

Q.—117. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have decided to construct a bridge over the River Kali at Kodibag in the Karwar Taluk ;

(*b*) if so, whether the plans and estimates have been finalised ;

(*c*) if so, what are the details ;

(*d*) whether this bridge comes under the West Coast Road Plan ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Matter is under consideration of Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) The matter is under correspondence with Government of India.